

Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel & Waterfront Conference Center



Portsmouth, Virginia

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. *Virginia Green* has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, *Virginia Green* encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations; and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

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"Boasting a spectacular waterfront location, this luxurious Hampton Roads hotel offers stunning views from 244 inviting guest rooms and 5 lavish suites. Our hotel is equipped with wired Internet access, while 23 meeting rooms provide wireless access. Totalling 24,355 square feet, this Portsmouth hotel's event space includes a 70-seat Case Study Amphitheater and 2 large ballrooms. Overlooking the Elizabeth River, the Portsmouth Ballroom's outdoor terrace seats up to 140 guests-the ballroom seats up to 1100 guests. Savor the atmosphere of this Norfolk, Virginia hotel at Foggy Point Bar & Grill, presenting a selection of fresh seafood. With attractions such as MacArthur Center mall and unique downtown dining, this hotel in Portsmouth has something for everyone. Experience the charm of the Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel & Waterfront Conference Center."

Green Statement: "The Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel is committed to being environmentally conscious and is fully involved in Marriott International's companywide program known as ECHO - Environmentally Conscious Hospitality Operations. The hotel has taken award-winning strides with its ongoing sustainability initiatives, thereby significantly lowering operating costs and increasing market share that results from being an eco-efficient hotel. From environmentally-friendly cleaning supplies and in-room recycling bins to energy and water conservation programs, this Portsmouth hotel has put in place over ten separate "green" programs within the hotel."

CORE ACTIVITIES for Lodging

☑ This symbol indicates a required activity for Virginia Green Lodging facilities. Participants self-certify that they activities are in place and they provide additional specifics on other activities. Visitors to the Renaissance Portsmouth can expect the following practices:

☑ **Optional Linen Service.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must have some sort of system in place that allows guests to not have their sheets and towels changed every day. This facility pledges that they:

- Train house cleaners on process for optional linen service
- Purchase water and energy efficient washers and dryers
- Minimized use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals

✓ Recycling and Waste Reduction. Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle Glass Bottles and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:

- Recycle: Glass, aluminum cans, steel cans, grease, plastic, office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, and packing supplies, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic equipment
- Track overall waste bills
- Use bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps
- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
- Do not use Styrofoam
- Use reusable dishware and glassware, and minimize use of disposables
- Use disposable containers made from recycled content
- Use water pitches and filtered water to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Donate excess food from events
- Purchase locally grown produce and other foods
- Purchase recycled-content paper towels and toilet paper
- Encourage suppliers to minimize packaging and other waste materials
- Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
- Make 2-sided copies/ printed materials
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Purchase low VOC carpets and fabrics
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Use latex paints
- Re-use paint thinners
- Properly recycle/dispose of thinners and solvents
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use a last-in/first-out inventory and labeling system
- Use less toxic materials
- Minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides
- Use integrated pest management (IPM)



✓ Water Conservation. The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Use water-flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use
- Have:
 - high efficiency dishwashers
 - low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads
 - low flow toilets
- Discourage water-based cleanup (sweeping first) and use microfiber technology mops
- Have an effective landscape management plan which utilize drought tolerant species, metering and rain gauges, and minimizes lawn areas
- Have an effective stormwater management plan including the minimization of impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc)

☒ **Energy Conservation.** The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills
- Use:
 - compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and in canned lighting
 - high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T5s and T8s)
 - ceiling fans
- Have high efficiency heating & air conditioning (HVAC) systems
- Have individual thermostats for each room/area
- Use natural lighting
- Purchase EnergyStar-rated computers, copiers, and appliances
- Have thermal-rated windows and insulation
- Use directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas

☒ **Green Events Package.** The facility must offer a “green” or “environmentally-friendly” package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided. This facility pledges that they:

- Promote the availability of “green meetings/conferences” in marketing packages

For more information on **the Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel & Waterfront Conference Center**, see website www.renaissanceportsmouth.com or contact Rob Sanders at rob.sanders@renaissanceportsmouth.com.

For more information on **Virginia Green Lodging** program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging or go to www.viriniagreentravel.org.



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